

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2012**

ATTENDANCE: Richard Paoletto, Chair; Council President Thomas McCarthy;
Robert Curwen, Richard Bonney, Warren Blunt, Chair (6:10 p.m.);
Lydia Martinez (6:10 p.m.)

OTHERS: Atty. Stephen Mednick; Atty. Ed Maley; Ruben Felipe; Atty.
Art Lasky

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Paoletto called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

97-11 Final Report of the Charter Revision Commission dated July 23, 2012 for the purposes of receipt and final action pursuant to C.G.S. Section 7-19 (c) and (d).

Atty. Mednick then gave a brief overview of the changes in the Charter. Copies of the Charter Revision Commission Notes to the City Council Pertaining to Final Report and Response to Council

Atty. Mednick said that the attorneys had looked at the issues of sheriffs and the name will be changed after the next election cycle to "constables".

Under the emergency powers that were established in Chapter 4, upon the declaration of a public emergency, the Mayor shall notify the Council President. Should the Mayor not be in the City when this occurs, the Council President shall be notified.

After discussion, it was decided to keep the previous method of determining emergency procurement funding without assigning a percentage.

Council Member Blunt and Martinez joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

There were some concerns about the entity that was the Advisory Board to the Mayor for the Board of Education. This board will not be an independent board or commission.

There were concerns about the majority voting on the budget. It will be 2/3rd of the Council members present in Council who have not abstained.

Most of the changes were adjustments in terms of errata

The proposed resolution at Tab 12 contains the language for a proposed wording of the ballot questions. Atty. Anastasi had suggested some grammatical changes in terms of verb tenses. Atty. Mednick will send a clean copy to the Ordinance Committee and the City Clerk.

Council Member Paoletto thanked Atty. Mednick and everyone who worked so hard on this document. Council Member Paoletto thanked Atty. Mednick for all the personal help and guidance Atty. Mednick had provided.

Council President McCarthy thanked Atty. Mednick and Mr. Felipe for all the Commission's work since they had over 30 meetings to implement all the changes. Council President McCarthy said that he was fully supportive of the Charter Commission's work.

Council Member Paoletto said that he would not be in attendance at the Council Meeting because he will be out of town. Due to this, any issues regarding the Charter should be handled by Council President McCarthy or Council Member Blunt.

Council Member Curwen said that the City could not have chosen a better individual to work on this than Atty. Mednick and Atty. Maley. He said that the Charter had not been updated since the 1980's. This is moving in the right direction.

**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADD THE DOCUMENT TITLED "CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION NOTES TO THE CITY COUNCIL PERTAINING TO FINAL REPORT AND RESPONSE TO COUNCIL" TO THE RECORD AS EXHIBIT #1 - 08/01/12.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 97-11 FINAL REPORT OF THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION DATED JULY 23, 2012 FOR THE PURPOSES OF RECEIPT AND FINAL ACTION PURSUANT TO C.G.S. SECTION 7-19 (C) AND (D).**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BONNEY SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Council Member Paoletto requested that this item be put on the consent calendar.

Council President McCarthy asked if all the public hearing has been held. Atty. Mednick said that the three required hearing had been held along with others. Atty. Mednick stated that the ballot question was included in the document that had just been approved.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCCARTHY SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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